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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(July 13, 1948 - August 2, 1948)

NSC 19/1 DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA

POLICY WITH RESPECT TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST.
JCS views requested by NSC Action No. 50 were received August 2,
1948 and circulated by the Executive Secretary to the NSC for
information.

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-DIRECTED WORLD COMMUNISM
(NSC 7)

Staff report submitted to the NSC as NSC 7 on March 31. Council action deferred pending further study of this report by the Department of State. Scheduled for discussion at 12th Meeting of NSC at which time it was again deferred pending the receipt of a substitute report which the Department of State is preparing.

THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES
(NSC 17)

Report prepared by a special Consultant on the basis of NSC Action No. 43 at its 9th Meeting was submitted to the NSC, June 28, 1948. Scheduled for consideration and action as Item 1 on the tentative agenda of the 17th NSC Meeting, August 5.

APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION
(NSC 20)

Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense suggesting that the Department of State draft an initial statement of the risks, objectives and measures related to the national security for consideration by the Council as a matter of highest priority. This suggestion scheduled for discussion as Item 3 on the tentative agenda of the 17th NSC Meeting, August 5.

POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION FOR THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA
(NSC 22)

Report by the Secretary of Defense, scheduled for discussion as Item 4 on the tentative agenda of the 17th NSC Meeting, August 5.

DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES AND FOREIGN RELATIONS
(NSC 23)

Report by the Secretary of Defense, scheduled for discussion as Item 5 on the tentative agenda of the 17th NSC Meeting, August 5.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd.)

US MILITARY COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN
BERLIN
(NSC 24)

Report by the Secretary of Defense, scheduled for discussion as Item 2 on the tentative agenda of the 17th NSC Meeting, August 5.

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA
(Memo for NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated July 30, 1948)

Memorandum from Under Secretary of State requesting clearance by the other Council members by noon on August 2, 1948 on a proposed Governmental position on the above subject. Approved by NSRB; conditional approval by Defense, Army and Air; disapproved by Navy.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NSC PAPERS
(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 2, 1948)

Memorandum from Under Secretary of State requesting Council approval of procedure for implementation of NSC papers recommended therein.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Feb. 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff Feb. 10, 1948. First draft issued April 5, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 27. Concurred in by Navy, April 28; by Army, May 7; by Air, May 12. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on April 21, revised on May 14, sent to Consultants on May 18. Concurred in by Navy, May 21; by Air, June 21; by NSRB, July 12. Army changes submitted June 1 and State changes submitted July 19 are being coordinated for further consideration by Navy, Air and NSRB Consultants.

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At its 12th Meeting, June 3, the NSC referred to the Staff this subject to prepare comments and recommendations thereon for consideration by the Council. The Staff interviewed two technical consultants on this subject and prepared comments and recommendations which were presented to the Consultants on July 21. Concurred in by Navy and NSRB, July 23; changes submitted by State, July 28. Awaiting action by Army and Air.

US POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13)

Study of this subject submitted by the Department of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 13, June 2, 1948. On the basis of this study and a report by the Army on "Limited Military Armament for Japan" the Staff prepared a report for consideration by the Council and submitted it to the Consultants, July 23, 1948. Concurred in by NSRB, July 30; changes submitted by Navy, July 30. Awaiting action by State, Army and Air. Recommendations on the subject of reparations are to be submitted later.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS (Cont'd.)

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA
(NSC 12)

Study of this subject submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Army change submitted July 6; concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. Awaiting action by State.

4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

US POLICY TAWARD JAPAN (NSC 13)

Staff continuing study of Japanese reparations problem (para. 6 of Section IV of draft report which was submitted to the NSC Consultants, July 23). SCAP reply to a cable requesting his views is being considered in this connection.

POLICY ON ATOMIC WARFARE

At its 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report on the position of the United States with respect to the initiation of atomic warfare in the event of war, including consideration of the time and circumstances of employment, and the type and character of targets against which it would be employed. First draft, prepared by Air, circulated July 6, 1948.

TURKISH ARSENAL AID

At its 13th Meeting on June 17, 1948, the NSC directed the Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration on the basis of comments by the Department of the Army, which were subsequently received July 27.

COORDINATION OF INFORMATION MEASURES (NSC 4, NSC 10 Series)

An amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4, in the light of Council action on the NSC 10 Series, is being prepared by the Department of State.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

CIA SURVEY

At its 5th Meeting, Jan. 13, 1948, the NSC approved a resolution authorizing a survey of the organization, activities and personnel of CIA and nominated for consideration by the President, three individuals to conduct the survey. These three Consultants were appointed Feb. 13, 1948. By Mar. 12, 1948, Secretaries of State, Army, Navy and Air Force had concurred in terms of reference for the survey group. Interim Report No. 1 - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - received May 4, 1948. Written comments on this report by Department of State and by CIA indicate general concurrence with the Survey Group's recommendations. It has therefore been suggested that Director of Central Intelligence confer with State with a view to settlement of this question by mutual agreement, prior to any Council action. Report by Director of Central Intelligence as to results of conference being awaited. Interim Report No. 2 considered in connection with NSC 10.

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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Mar. 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration until after NSC action on NSC 9 Series.

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff Dec. 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued Feb. 25, 1948. Redraft being prepared by one Staff member, but further consideration by the entire Staff has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On Dec. 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued Mar. 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed in deference to priority of individual countries in this area and other priority subjects.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO CHINA

The Secretary of Defense requested study by NSC on Jan. 15, 1948. Jan. 20 the Department of State was requested to prepare a study for NSC consideration. A study on short-term assistance to China was submitted by the Department of State and a report drafted by the Staff on March 8. It was amended by the Consultants and the revision submitted to the NSC as NSC 6 on March 26. At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC agreed no action on this report was necessary since it had been overtaken by events. The Department of State is continuing preparation of a report on the overall position with respect to China as originally requested. Further action deferred pending receipt of this report from State.

DEFERRED PROJECTS (Cont'd.)

COORDINATION OF FOREIGN INFORMATION MEASURES

(Memo for NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 26, 1948.)

By memorandum approval as of May 25, 1948, the Council directed the NSC Consultants to undertake a similar review and report in approximately two months.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF US MILITARY POWER IN GREECE

(NSC 5/4)

To be reviewed not later than Nov. 1, 1948.

US ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO

(NSC 11)

Memorandum on this subject submitted by the Secretary of Defense for information of the Council, distributed as NSC 11, May 24. Draft report prepared by Staff and presented to the Consultants on June 11. Changes recommended by State, Army and Navy were considered by the Staff and a split report returned to the Consultants on July 6. The Consultants recommendation that final action be deferred until approximately Aug. 15, 1948 was approved by the Council at its 15th Meeting, July 15.

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